To
Lt. Col. Webb &c &c
Secretary to Government
Sir

I have the honour to transmit
you some intelligence
for his Excellency's information & have
the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servt
J. Smith Lyons
Lt. & Brigade Major
Y. of December 1824

Articles of Intelligence
from
Seringapatnam

In a letter from Captain Symons
5 Decr 1799

Copy to Bombay ✓
Bengal ✓
Hyderabad
Poona
& Malabar Coast
12 Decr 1799

Articles of Intelligence from Seringapatam

It seems the body of Infantry, with six field-pieces, which crossed and encamped on the North bank of the river about the middle of last month, was intended as an escort to the Sultan, who purposed making an excursion to the westward of the Capital to enjoy the diversion of hunting, but changed his mind, and went to look at a large India which he is clearing in the district of Sultanpet to the south of Mysore and the

Inhabitants to remove from
the village of Chinadgee
and has only promised a
few days to decide there.

The village of Chendgee
is situated on the south
bank of the Cavery at a
landing over to the Island
of Seringapatam, which
bears the same name

Compound Stamp Hyderabad
Dog Decamber 1791
1790

Infantry marched the same
Accounts from all quarters
corroborate the report of the
Sultan having sent treasure
to a considerable amount to
the Mahrattah Country
The Inhabitants of Tanjore
for transacting public business
which was in front of the
Palace gate is taken down
and rebuilding behind the
Palace —
The Sultan has dismissed all
the Musulmen, Brahmans
and other principal Officers

To

Joshua Webb Esqre

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you
a few articles of plant Intelligence I have the
honor to be Sir your most obedt
& humble servant
John Hyams
Capt

Barbadoes
Nov. 4th 1759

Articles of
Intelligence

Mr Ellis from Captain
Symmons. 17 Dec. 1778

Copy to Mr Nugent V
Hamburg V
Ostend
Boom
& Malabar Coast

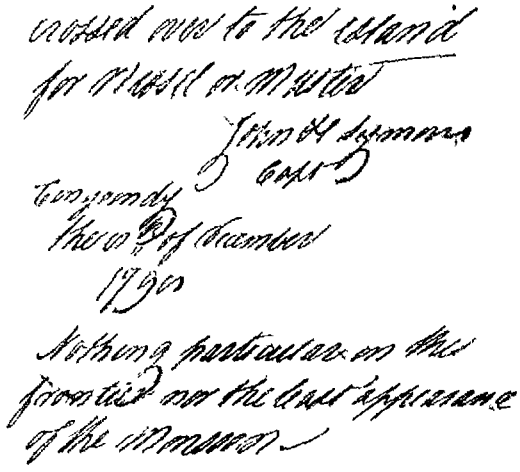
Arrivals of Intelligence from
Seringapatam &
Gazette Extraordinary published
by Authority —

The Sultan's people are actively
employed under the direction of
a Frenchman —

Report says that a large
body of Mahrattas have
arrived at Nuggur
on the Ganges —

The new levy of three or
four thousand horse have

Journal
of
French Missionary
Journey & Adventures
Chiefly upon



Secret Department.

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To

Josiah Tibbits Esquire

Secretary to Government

&c &c

Sir

I have been sent to Seringapatam with instructions to get if possible some one day in one of the Tibbits Esqrs which are attached immediately to the Cutcherry Durbar or to negociate a communication with some of those already in office returned last night.

I left Seringapatam on the 12th instant after remaining there twenty three Days

After obtaining an Escort for same time he was appointed Persian Vakeel or Secretary to a new battalion of Infantry (Mooctatum Boys which was raising at Gooty - and soon attached to that Garrison. He was obliging to

go -

Instructs
Sir Thomas

Ltr a Letter from Captain
Symons & Wardroper

Copy to Bengal V
Bombay V
Malabar Coast
Separated
Secret & Secret

in September for the purpose of receiving a body of French troops destined to the invasion of that place. — Five days after the Commodore's departure from the Coast, no more accounts received from him of the arrival of troops.

The Discipline of the Infantry which is chiefly cantoned on the Island is in a great degree superintended by three of the French Officers who came from Mauritius. They have introduced the practice of performing movements and giving by Flag signals during displays on Elephants or Camels.

A man named Jaolam Nader was sent to Tranquebar with the intention of proceeding to Mauritius or France with some of the persons who left Serring after him along with Du Buc. His Excellency Jaolam gave him unlimited powers to treat with the French for 12000 Europeans.

Jaolam

He considers it enough that a detachment, because to have gone at such a distance from the Durbar would not suit the object he had in view.

He however gives one reason to believe that he has made an arrangement with persons in office that will ensure correct information being received on all points generally connected with the Strength and Disposition of the Army.

He confirms in the main points the circumstance mentioned in my letter of 22d of last month, of Tuckur-ul-Deen having come to Scindiah by the Nuttaun with presents among which were four Elephants, and a sum of money - the amount of which he did not hear.

The instructions which Tuckur ul Deen has received are believed to be solicitations for Scindiah to operate against the English.

Ameer Khan, Holly and Abdul Khudus (the former a man of high rank) were sent to Mungalore

Guitherias of Fifty men were formed — and sent to different Provinces to be recruited, with nearly the complement of Officers and only Twenty or Thirty Privates each. — Of the new Guitherias two are ordered to be recruited below the Pants — One at Salamanca and another at Carrada. — The man who brought the intelligence came through the Insurgent Lines along with the Officers of their to recruit at Carrada

New arms and Accoutrements have been given instead of such as were rendered unserviceable. —

The Villahoar or Irregular Insurgent Band continue at their ravaging rebbery — The rest of the army appears to be ready to move on the shortest notice — although one Division had been pitched on the 5th Instant.

Sir

[illegible] Letter left Carrara from Sanguinetti [illegible]
[illegible] brought after Due Boys had left it = He
[illegible] encountered through the Drangeery Column
by [illegible] belonging to that District — He [illegible]
[illegible] from his own stable a fine Ewe Mare,
[illegible] the time of his departure it was given
out he was going to Carrara as a Buck Slave

There are the strongest reasons to
suppose that the [illegible] either appears to be
[illegible] — or that he is [illegible] a war
against the English, from the number of
Batteries & Brigades of Infantry which
he has lately been forming, by the drafting
of Officers and a few Privates from the
old Corps — and sending them to recruit
in different quarters. — Within the last
three Weeks nine Batteries for the
Regular Infantry Establishment — and one
Battalion

I shall duly attend to the directions of the
Right Honorable the Governor contained
contained in your letter of the 6th Instant
respecting a communication with Niagara
Fort.—

I have the honor to
be
Your very obedient Servt
[illegible]

Albany
9th December 1791—

The Brigades Headquarters being within distance of thirty miles of the Capitals, could be all brought together in the course of two Days.

The other particulars which relate to the present strength and establishment of the army received from the same authority as the foregoing shall be the subjects of future communication.

It is the opinion of the most intelligent people at Irving Upstairs that the Sultaun has no idea of being the first to commence hostilities unless he may receive considerable reinforcements from either Candahar or the Peer at the same time that it is not intended but that he is resolved to attack the English if he had a force sufficient to afford a probability of success.—

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To
Josiah Wedgwood Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir
I have the honor to transmit
you a paper of Intelligence for his Lordships
information and agreeable to the command
of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
I will send early information directly to
Land Head when I receive credible
intelligence of the movement of a body of
Mysore troops towards our frontier
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
& humble servant
John H. Lyman
Capt

Camp
5th of December
1790

Copy to Bombay &
Bengal &
Hyderabad
Poona
& Malabar Coast
12 Dec 1798

Extracts of Intelligence from Sowrungpatam
Mysore, brought by Captain Kennaway, dated 4th
the purpose of ascertaining the state of the
fortifications, and out-works, and who left it
the 4th of December 1798.

State of the Fort

Three lines are completed, and the west face, to about
feet high, and a number of men at work on it

Two large redoubts, at the foot of the glacis,
opposite to the Lall Baug garden, are nearly
finished, and two smaller ones are carrying on
different parts, round the Glacis, and a considerable
of people are employed on them, and for the sake
of dispatch, the Cossimbuzar people are obliged to assist

Forty or fifty pieces of cannon, of various sizes
with piles of shot, are laying on the esplanade near
the east gate.—

On large body of Horse and foot, with field
pieces, occupy a camp, extending on a parallel line
from the South or Mysore gate, round to the
N. Capitanes or West gate. The bamboo huts
said pieces, are the camps and the Sumerdars
the Moors reside.

accounts from the Northward, say that the Sultans
people have taken down the west face of the Fort of
Dumdelly and are rebuilding it

Tomgumby the 9th
of Decembr
1790 –

Sam Hiller Symmons
Capt D

... Arcotte party and Lally's corps, are near the
village of Chandapat, opposite to a ford of the same
name leading over to the Island —

60 Sepoys, immediately on the North bank of the
river

Report of the Mysore country, positively assures,
that the English are on the point of abandoning the
Carnatic

Regular male sons of the Sultaun about eight years
old dead

Five thousand shot of each were lost during
the passage between the banquet built on the
dry sand, have been carried over to the Island

... men pieces of ordnance, and a few camels loaded
with ... which, owing to the muddiness of the
... and ... with the shot before mentioned,
could not be got over to the French commandant

A battalion of Infantry, drawn from the
... coast country —

Nothing particular on this frontier, except
the report of some people, being employed
... the old walls of Bangalore

To

Sarah Walker Esqr

Secretary to Government

&c

I have the honor to transmit you a paper of ~~instructions~~ for his Lordship's information — I have the honor to be to sign and by the Your most obedient humble servant

H. Ry Crawford

1854

John Hy Gurney

Esqr

Articles of Intelligence
from
Insurgentes

Ina letter from Captain
Symons. 9 Decr 1793

Copy to Admiralty
Navy Board
Ordnance Board
Sydney
Transmitted

Articles of Intelligence from Seringapatam
received down to the 4th of December 1790

Troops on the Fort

One thousand men of the Cuud-allah or Horse
Corps, and three thousand other Infantry

Troops on the Island

Three thousand five hundred Khas Sabalah, or household
cavalry, and two thousand Silladar Horse or irregular
cavalry, with forty elephants, one hundred and fifty
camels and a body of infantry, laying on mats and
tents extending East and West the front of the Mysore
gate

Nine thousand Infantry with field pieces at the Sangam
barracks

Two thousand ditto at the Carnatic barracks

One thousand ditto at the Delhy darwaze gardens
barracks

Three thousand ditto with field pieces at the Chundgee
barracks

Two hundred Mules near the Delhy gate

Troops on the South side of the River

Three hundred Silladar Horse or irregular cavalry, one
hundred

Seikas elephants and camels on the desert of Gellandon
Four thousand draught bullocks at different places
within the distance of twelve and sixteen miles of the
capital

Occurrences

Ninety six camels loaded with tents and four waggons
arrived from Goa
Twelve pieces of heavy ordnance and four field pieces
brought from the Fort to the Garrison Gates

Report of the Battle

a thousand Europeans and a body of Caffres deputed
from the Mawratti -
a Body of Mahratto cavalry coming to the assistance
of the Sultan
a Misunderstanding has happened between Appoosaib and
the Nizam
The English on the point of invading the Mysore
country and the Sultan preparing to repel the attack
Hold Hatchettes of Stadtlers Letters of Marque cavalry
armed in order of march to take up the following posts to
wit Hatchery to fix on head quarters at Bindy re-
main Devondroog and to occupy different posts between
that place and Bednore

to me

Seeker elephants and camels on the desire of Gettandon
Four thousand draught bullocks at different places
within the distance of twelve and fourteen miles of the
capital

Occurrences.

Ready six camels loaded with tents and four with corps
ordered from Trichy
Twelve pieces of heavy ordnance and four field pieces
brought from the Fort to the Garrison Cattah

Reports of the Bazar

a thousand Cuddapanas and a body of Coffrees dispatched
from the Mandelah -
a Body of Mahrattas cavalry coming to the assistance
of the Sultan
a misunderstanding has happened between Appoo and
the Nizam
The English on the point of invading the Mysore
country and the Sultan preparing to repel the attack
Said Hutchinson of Sultaun Hooseen or Mangalore country
under orders of march to take upon the Southern part
of that Territory to join the head quarters at Trichy
and to occupy different posts between
that place and Cundah

Mem.

hundred Infantry at the village of Chondigal
The French party and Lally's corps encamped about two
miles from Chondigal

Troops on the Vellaur side of the North
bank of the river

Six or seven thousand Sebadar Sumar or irregular
cavalry at different places within the distance of four
and eight miles

Five hundred Elephants Sabada or household cavalry, three
hundred irregular ditto with two elephants, ten camels
and four hundred gun bullocks at the middle bank
Seven or eight heavy guns laying immediately on the
bank —

Troops &c at Forage —

One hundred Elephants Sabada or household horse on the distance
of Myore —

One hundred ditto ditto on the distance of Chowry-
patam

Six hundred Sebadar Sumar or irregular horse on the
East side of Cuddalore

Four hundred Sebadar Sumar or irregular horse on the
distance of Cuddalore and Chinnamdigam —

No Seed Elephants and Shuter Elephants or elsewhere of

Second Battalion to proceed to Capt Langdon and to
extend as fast to leeward
The head quarters of the third and fourth Battalion, is
to be at Sandy Hook and the outposts to be
stationed at different places on the neighbourhood to
be first agreed upon
In the event of the advance of the English army
these orders of cavalry are to cease

Given under my hand at
Camp on the 14th
of December
1790

Simon Spencer
Capt

Orders of
Lieutenant Colonel
Commandant

A true Copy from Captain
Spencers Original Orders

Copy of Major
Hardy's Orders
Dated at Camp
Kentucky
Bourbon
15th 1790

[illegible] Secretary to Government &c

Sir

In obedience to the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council I have the honor to forward the undermentioned extracts translated from Persian Memoranda received from Seringapatam by means of the Peons on Monday & on Duty Letter of the 9th Instant

Agreeably to the accompanying List the Sultan has augmented the number of his Army and Infantry since the Arrival of the Frenchmen He has now formed his Army into two Classes Sumra and Yeer Sumra the Sumra must be Sahibs or Lords that are Natives of the Eastern Territories, the Yeer Sumra Mysoreans all who are Natives of the Nagul and Carnatic Countries and such as are of the Mogul and Pattan Tribes

The Horses of the Mysoreans are in very poor order on account of the scarcity of forage and their confined situation, the numerous casualties among them render Cavalry now Inoffensive.

About a month ago Meer Meeran Sukhar-ul-Dowla with a small escort of Silladar Horse some Foot, some Money and Ten Elephants was despatched to Mysore

Three or four months since the Nawab Zulfaran Cawn to Cannanore - He was admitted to the Presence with Two Thousand Rupees and Two Pearls before he was dismissed

+ Belonging to the Party which came from Cannanore -
# Agreeably to Custom those Sumra may be considered Barons, Sirdars who are Citizens and Yeer Sumra Vassals or Liegemen such as are Tributary Princes

Viz Sirdars Soldiers & Rajahs

[illegible] ined and left Sahib in the Ramnad Country, sent
two Messengers to the Sultaun, who after an interview with
them gave them an order to the Cutcherry of Erroad for Four
Thousand Rupees with directions to permit them to proceed
to the Frontier.

Yoolum Chader, formerly a Jemadar (Captain) of Horse
was made a Musahib, and lately sent to the French Govern-
ment in Europe by the way of (Karical) Tranquebar, from whence
he was to have embarked. He had instructions to negociate for
12000 Europeans at the rate of 30 Rupees a Piece, 100 Rupees
to Subaltern and 500 Rupees to Captains per Month, & 30
Days — and even to agree to more if required. —

State of the Army at the Seige, the
[illegible] 1st December 1780 —

Infantry

	Names of Cutcherees	Names of Buckshees	Subadars		
D:	Mr. Comedy	1st Sultan Khoda Dad	the Cutcheree of Mahomed Imam	213	
		2d Meer Jan Killah	Mahomed Hussein	207	Sultaun Khoda
			Syd Mahomed	209	
			Meer Mahomed	219	848
I	Heky	Sheke Bowen	Meer Bowen	179	
			Syd Mahomed	169	
			Sheke Hussain	199	Sultaun
			Aboul Chader	192	739
I	Mullick	Mahomed Cabroo	Sheh Sahib Hussain	233	
			Chader Khan	219	
			Mahomed Hussain	208	Sultaun
			Aboul Mubby	218	878
I	Naser	Meer Mamood	Sheke Imam	201	
			Syd Mourteza	205	
			Syd Mahomed	118	Sultaun
			Sheh Sahib	192	716
					2431

Compos now recruited with Europeans

Brother of Hussun-ul-Beem

Names of Ruckmans

Names of Ruckmans

Y Yussoor — Meer Ismael + — The Cushan of Mahomed Hussein 218
Mahomed Hussein 239
Meer Ebram 230
Aboul Kubby 209 888

A/B Abdoor Cuddeem — Adam Khan (Lohany) — Fazel Khan 913 Dittoes
Ayan 969
Mahomed Ally 819
Mahomed Hassan 779 3470

A/L Futtah — Meer Hussein — Hussein Khan Kullool 665
Ali Murrad Khan 799
Balkub Khan 586
Yasee Khan 652 2702

A/L Kareem — Hussain Ally Khan + — Abdool Hueed 568
Imam Hussein 494
Abdul Ahmed 486
Hudeed Khan 520 2068

A/L Abdool Mahee — Hyder Ahwas Khan — Yoolam Hussain 768
Yoolam Ally 1188
Bar Akbar 599 endings
Cushan of Ismael 596 2631

A/L Hussein — Meeran Khan — Meeran Khan 528
Chisser Seng 793
Seetaram Sing 860
Mahomed Saber 612 2723

A/L Kahat — Akber Ally Beg — Daud Bazely 213
Shah Ali Khan 213
Mahomed Yaser 166
Mahomed Moorad Khan 204 816

Dismounted Sepoys Cushans attached to the Jahrumeeda Country Corps — Ram Sungam — 171 1134

+ Brother of Meer Abdeem the First Risaldar of Meer Hussein's Ressalah

Sd Cathcart

+ Risaldar of Meer Hussein's Ressalah

NB The Letter L distinguishes the Jemadar from Y L Yoor Jemadar

Intelligence

from Major Dowlow

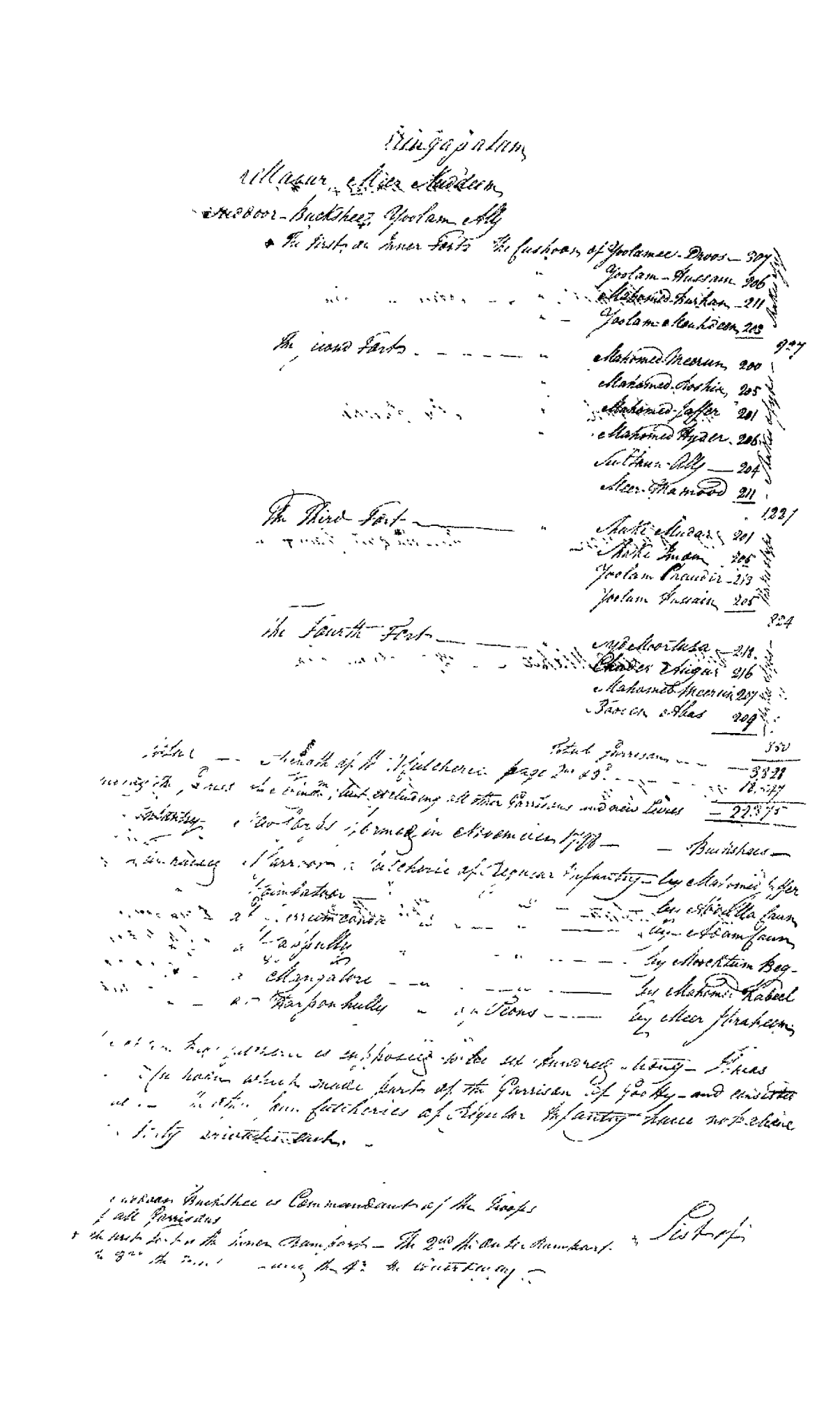
16 Dec 1798

Corps for Bengal
Bombay
Malabar Coast
Cornwallis
Hyderabad
23 Dec 98

List of the Khan's Escort — Regiment &c &c

Faucheries	Buckhaei	Standard		
Hadji Hassan	Jaber Mahomed	Mahomed of the Russian	53	
		Mahomed Reza	75	
		Abdul Mahdy	62	
		Jaber Mahomed	66	256
Aly Sowar	Meer Russain	Mahomed Russian	53	
		Mahomed Meer	82	
		Mahomed Hoosseim	72	
		Meer Hyder	53	260
Hyderie	(Tarant)	Mahomed Saudeck	52	
		Mahomed Baker	72	
		Mahomed Mansour	27	
		Abdul Khaser	78	289
Heem	Abdul Khaser	Mahomed Jumaee	53	
		Abdul Khaser	68	
		Jaber Abdulla	48	
		Meer Mahomed	22	191
Noor Sowar	Subder Khan	Mahomed Shereef	92	
		Mahomed Noor	81	
		Jaber Khan	7	
		Mahomed Russa	32	212
Meer Hussa	Hafez Sowar	Aly Khan	Rezam Khan	21
			Subder Khan	3
			Mahomed Reza	69
			Hazel Khan	85
Hussain Cawar	Reemat Khan †	2nd Hussain Mulick	Mahomed Cerroos	33
			Mahomed Hussain	5
			Meer Hussain	42
			Jaber Abdulla	32
Khoodaus Sowar	Abdul Ayzan	2nd Mahomed Hussain	Hussain Kuchnee	33
			Hussain Mahomed	21
			Hussain Ibrahim	62
			Ibrahim Hussain	33
Kooche Cawar	(vacant) †		Abdul Khaser	33
			Mahomed Hussain	46
			Ibrahim Reza	41
			Mahomed Hussain	32

† ex Adjutant of Jaber
‡ ex of the Khan's of Kenchencose — and son in law of Jaber Khan now



from me to believe that the foregoing Return of the Cultivateurs may be depended upon. — In regard to the Infantry of this Division, whether or not the Followers are included — I am of opinion that the return is intended to show the Officers & Privates without the Followers.

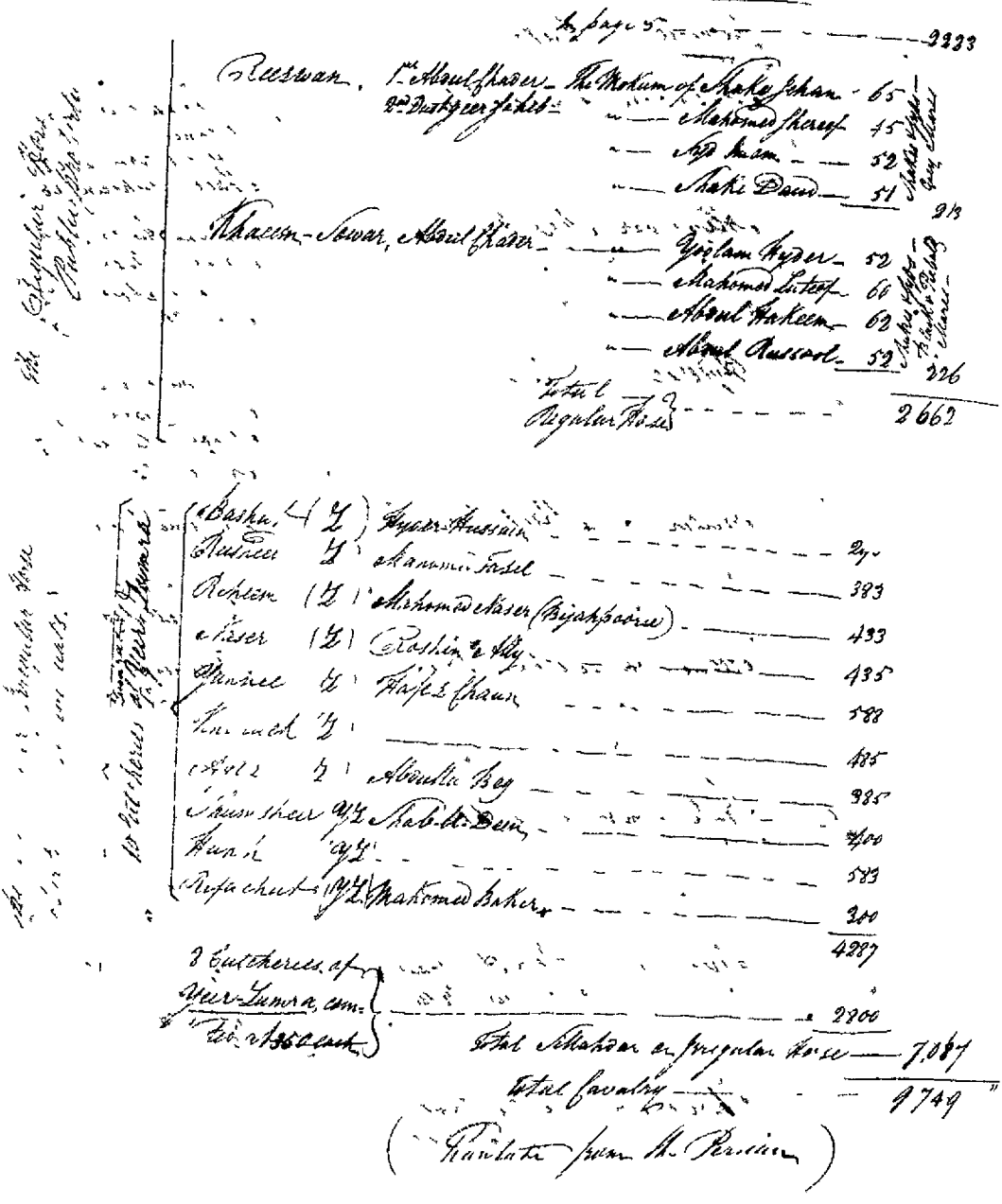
With respect to the Cavalry — the only point which can be doubtful is that Eight Companies of the Cultivateurs are set at 350 Horses each. — But as that Computation was made by the Officers of the Cultivateurs themselves, who perhaps, in Returns of all the other Corps from the Egyptian Army, are pretty correct.

In the Computation I have drawn out on October, which relates to the State of the Army in Syria last — a Corps of Cavalry called Suff Sheikan was classed among the Regular Troops. This Corps by the late arrangements, is transferred to the Gendarmerie. — Although the Suff Sheikan the Regular Horse amounted to 3492 — in last month, they amounted to 2662. — The Decrease is accounted for, chiefly by the Corps having the last five months that they have been on the Defensive — and by absent 200 Harkarahs leaving their Corps during the several Disembarkations —

The Sultan, having a decided dislike to the Army — while he adheres to his present plan of reducing it by Desertion & Neglect of Recruits and Hospitals, as may have intended by the Augmentation of his Corps, it is believed that his Army is more numerous than it is reported however he doubtless knows the wishes of the Troops, Infantry — and he continues to entertain all the Officers for Service. —

I am induced to suppose that a Battalion of Cavalry — two Companies of Secretaries in the Military Corps — have agreed to receive Monthly Pay and Rations, Forage, an Equivalent of furnishing their Horses &

Cutcheries — Buckshees — Mokundars



Brought forward — 2223

Regular Horse

Peshawar — 1st Abdul Ghafar — The Medium of Shah Jehan — 65
2nd Dustgeer Jehlee — — Mahomed Shareef — 45
— — Aga Khan — 52
— — Shahi Dawd — 51 — 213

Khaeen-Sewar — Abdul Ghafar — — Yeglam Hyder — 52
— — Mahomed Latoof — 66
— — Abdul Hakeem — 62
— — Abdul Rassool — 52 — 226

Total Regular Horse — 2662

Irregular Horse

Yeur Sumra

Baska, Bajaur, Nawagai (½) — Hyder Hussain
Bajaur (½) — Ghazanfar Jehel — 297
Rechem (½) — Mahomed Nasir (Bijahpoorie) — 383
Nasir (½) — Kashim Ally — 433
Panjcora (½) — Hafiz Ghaun — 435
Lundkai (½) — — 588
Swat (½) — Aboolla Beg — 485
Khoonsheer (½) — Nab-ul-Dun — 985
Bunir (½) — — 400
Rufachuck (½) — Mahomed Baker — 583
— — 200
4287

3 Cutcheries of Yeur Sumra, cm. for 1350 each — 2300

Total Mokundar or Irregular Horse — 7,087

Total Cavalry — 9749

(Translated from N. Persian)

+ This is the Son of Budder-ul-Zumma Ghaun who deserted Darwaza. The son Mahomed Baker was within the last two months convicted on a false suspicion of a conspiracy through the jealousy of other Sirdars the Minister — Hons Mahomed Baker who commanded the Party at Hoodeea 1791 which marched through a great part of the Yaghistan.

To

Josiah Wedgwood Esqr

Treasurer to Government

Sir

I have the honor to transmit
you a paper of intelligence for
his Lordships information and
have the honor to be

Sir your most obedient
& humble Servt

Whitehall
the 10th Dec
1794

[illegible] shall effect their agency will be of great
importance

Some Accounts from [illegible] that Luckie Naigue has had an interview with the Poligar of Nrapatchi (at night in the Bounds) and several other Poligars of Trichinopoly, Dindigul and Madura, or their Vakeels, and that they had entered into an engagement with Luckie Naigue that they would join Tippoo in the event of a War breaking out, for which the Sultaun, in case of his success would give up three years Peshcush. This appears improbable although the proposal is consistent with the Character of Luckie Naigue

A Hurcarrah returned from Seringapatam, who left that place on the 8th Instant. He mentions nothing worth notice except that some of the Mysore Horse — about two had arrived there from their foraging stations — supposed to [be] for Muster — There was no Tent pitched — no appearance of a movement by the Troops on the Island.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
William Macleod

[illegible]
16th December 1798

[illegible]

Copies for Bengal
Bombay
[illegible]
Hyderabad &
Mr Lushington [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Articles of intelligence from Seringapatam

Cartels have been sent to the principal officers of the different provinces, desiring them to oblige the inhabitants to send their families to Seringapatam without delay

Purneah Pundit, the Brahmin, has proceeded to Poonah, to conduct the presents entertained at that station and to march them to Seringapatam

It was reported that the Bombay Rabbs is coming to Poonah on the same errand

Two months pay was issued to the marauding cavalry, under order of march, to take up stations, so as to cover the eastern frontier of the Mysore country

Report said that the Mahrattas had requested to accept the Sirdarship, which Sujaa sometime ago declined for Poonah, in consequence of which the court had sent a tribute deny

No repairs going on at Bangalore, nor any preparations making on that score, for the supply of cavalry

Arm

Josiah Webb Esqr
Secretary Government

Sir

I have the honor to
transmit you a paper of
intelligence for his Lordships
information I have the honor
to be your obedt
humble st

Congaree
the 15th Dec
1780

Wm Hy Lyman
Capt

Article of Intelligence from Mangalore
of the 4th of December

A vessel arrived from the Mauritius on which came
a French officer and thirty Malays. The officer brought
letters from the governor to the Sultan. He and his
party are encamped on a ground without the village
Five or six vessels have lately sailed from that port
for the Isle of France. A French officer and one of the
Sultans Brickshaws went on one of them

Nothing particular on this Coast

Jno. Hayman
Capt.

Sorg. Major the
10th Dragoons
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Articles of Intelligence brought by a Packaun who was detained for that purpose at Bangalore by Mr Knox

Four heavy ordnance, under the charge of a Lieutenant and a small guard of Sepoys, sent up from Seringapatnam for Siramdroog, and were for the use of that garrison and three more were to follow

Some guns were also to be sent to the Hill fort of Nundydroog

The preparations of encumbrances to serve on the cavalry and Regular Infantry, and of Bandies for the Corps of Camatic Horse, is so that on the contents bordering on the Carnatic Zummabady that no persons will venture to visit those retaurns or frequent the weekly markets on the Mysore country for fear of being seized and sent to Seringapatnam

A general embodiment is to be held in

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Articles of
Intelligence

Ina letter from Capten
Upman 19 Dec 1777

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Secret Department

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I have the honour to transmit extract
from one of the Sultaun's principal letters to the
Shastry, that on the 14th instant an order
arrived from Seringapatam directing the relief
of Chitteldroog to proceed by Hunsoor Bullancoy
from as soon as possible to Bangalore.

Although this information is received through
the medium of a Hircarra in the Sultaun's
service, it requires confirmation — should there
be no mistake in it, a detachment might be drawn
from Lyttle's Cavalry — if not this whole Army
may be expected to march towards Bangalore.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
William Kelly

Jeloor
19th December 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

the village of Malangle on the Forbes road
and is annually attended by Musselmen from
all quarters, and some from below the ghauts
had rounded and advanced two or three stages
on their way to the last meeting of the sect; they
have all turned back and some of them have
come into Bungendy

A report still prevails in the neighbourhood
of the disturbed districts, that a body of cavalry will be
speedily sent from Sydney Head to rout the
Bushrangers

John Higgins
Capt

Bungendy the
19th December
1815 2 o'clock P.M.

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Sir
I have the honor to
transmit you a paper of
intelligence for his Lordships
information and have the
honor to be
with great respect Your most
obedt humble servt
Jam Hay
Capt D

Articles of Intelligence

Ma Lette from Castles
Symons
19 Jan 1795

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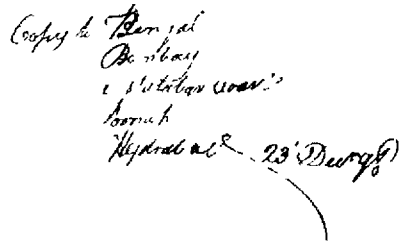
Journey of the Aumildar

The Aumildar of Kolaar has been ordered to make a survey of the Mysore Country to the north of the Jaume Mahel, and to inspect the different passes and Ghauts there. The morning he was at a small fort called Ramagiram, about nine miles from Bangaroody. He then crossed the Ghaut called Mahoor Ghaut, & made a circular survey of the Hill-fort, and then returned to Bangaroody and by Mahoor and by the road came to Colar this day



to Sundy-dawg.

Nothing else on particular

Tongoondy the
20th of Dumbee
1790 P.M.

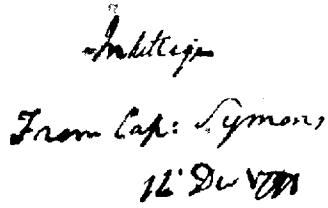
John H. Symons
Capt.

To
Josiah Wedgwood Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir
I have the honor to transmit you
a paper of ~~explanation~~ observations for his Lordships
information and have the honor to be

Your most obedient
humble servant
John Hyman
Capt

Longcandy Fort
14th Brandon
1790



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Articles of Intelligence from Seringapatam of the 6th of December

The greatest dispatch is making in completing the fortifications, and cutting Gabions with such materials as are immediately at hand

Most of the cavalry and all the Infantry except the French party and Tally's corps, were on the island, and the horses were dying faster than they could be replaced

The Mahratta Vackeel is still at Seringapatam

His principal profession was of opinion, that the Sultan would not declare the first blow with the English, but that if they invaded the country, he would endeavor to repel the attack

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Ihr alle Nun Lob,
Ihnen Allen

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To [illegible] Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir

[illegible] on whom I have great confidence returned last night from Seringapatam. He left that place on the 11th instant and brought a Canarese letter which he says was written by a Bramin who is an accountant [illegible] one of the Chief [illegible] of the Sultauns [illegible]

The letter is dated the 10th instant and is of the following purport chiefly from the information of the [illegible]

Anser Ally one of the Meer Meerans was sent to Mangalore in the expectation that a body of French would be landed there but there are no accounts of the arrival of ships at Mangalore where Anser Ally still remains.

[illegible]

Mahomed

It is said that messengers have passed between the
Georgia Creek and the Indians
Nothing particular on this frontier
Tomorrow
Wm H Simons
Capt
14th Regt
Mounted
Riflemen

Mahomed Cawn went to Poona three months ago with four
Lacks of Rupees — One & Forty Days
ago Feshun-ul-Deen Dewna Row & were sent
to Scindiah with twelve Camels laden with
Treasure, — but no accounts are yet receiving
of their having reached Poona

Ram-Chundon Pundit is taken from Scindiah
arrived here lately with an escort of Thirteen
Horsemen — He had an interview with the Sultan
and began a conference by demanding arrears
of Chouth due to the Mahrattas — The Sultan
replied he had already sent some money to the
Mahratta Commander and ordered he had in
readiness a Lack more to attack the Carnatic hoping
that Scindiah would assist him — The Pundit
said his Master was on terms of friendship with
the English — and that he was displeased at the

Sultan.

Sultaun's answering himself with the French, and
more the Enemies of the English — but that he
believing his master dayly to intend to assist
either party in the event of a war between the
Sultaun and the English

Nooleam Ally Sahib has got instructions to
put down Lawan Dhoop — Nooleam Dhoop & Mungy Dhoop
Gharet Dhoop and Mulwaggle Dhoop in a
state of defence as soon as possible — and
each person shall be paid four months pay

Mahr Ebrahim have received orders to
collect as much of the Revenue as possible
immediately — & Syed Mahomed Ameen Dhoop are dayly hear
no different directions to see this order carried
into execution

The Sultaun, when consulting with
Purnea Dhoop, Purneah and other Cutcherry
regarding his plan of operations, said he

+ This is the Peer Sudoon — who has the superintendance
of the Forts and Passes
* This is Subhan — Nooleam Mulwaggle — Dhoop — near Mungaly —

Liberté
Egalité
Fraternité

Société Jacobine Lyonnaise

Lyon, le 14 Décembre 1792

Copie conforme
25 Décembre

A Red Standard was pitched about a fortnight ago near the Pagoda of Chungchow; but troops are yet proceeding to that place.

The Mandarin states that the whole of the Tartar or Irregular Horse are assembling and encamping along the banks of the Eastern branch of the River from the Burreghaut Pagoda to Sungapore. He judges from the Horsemen having all their Baggage and Tents & different ages along with them that they are assembling for a long stay. Besides the Flags for separate Corps or Divisions of the Cavalry there have been sent out from the Portuguese Fathers in their Lines — Seven distinguishing Flags more than usually Conspicuous on the ordinary occasions of muster

There has not been any movement of either the Regular Horse or Infantry from

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a Present to the Rajah from with a large Division to Seringapatam — Commanded by Major Dean — also that he expected to receive Pagodas 5000 Horse and five Battalions of Sepoys towards Feindistan. — It was understood that those parties would be employed in plundering the Treasure and in making the English Colony; and it was agreed that all plunder should be entirely the property of the Captors.

"Guns have been already sent across the North River — and more Guns — and Stores of all kinds are getting in readiness to be taken 167
next Day —

"Orders all issued that all persons who have not twelve months provisions should quit the Fort of Seringapatam — and that no Sheds or Bazars shall be allowed to stand within Thirty Miles of Seringapatam.

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This expression is supposed to mean that no private trade will be permitted to take within that Space of the Capital

Members

I beg you will be so good as assure Their Lordships in Council that I will use every endeavour to get information of the Sultaun's Army — and that although I am rather of opinion his troops will not commence hostilities unless our Army should approach his Frontier, yet I conceive it as my duty to point out that the movement of Cavalry is so rapid — that a Marauding travelling under pretence of assembling cannot always give intimation of their motions

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servant
William Kirkpatrick

Fort St George
21st December 1791

To The Hon.ble Archibald Campbell Esq.
Secretary Govt Secret Dep.t

the Friend— The arrangements of Jaswant Rao with the Court of the Peishwa is known. It is thought that hostilities will follow.

The Sultaun's troops are not pitched nor is there any symptom of his design to put himself at the head of the army in the field.

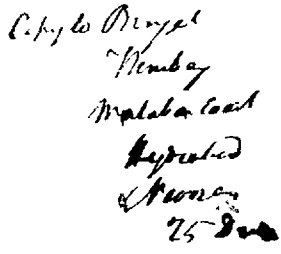
The Mahratta Vakeel has not left Seringapatam as he intended.

The principal persons about the Sultaun consider [illegible] not seem sanguine as to the issue of his proposals to Cornwallis, from the accounts received from Lieutenant-Colonel Dean while on his route towards Poonah, in which he expresses a doubt of success in consequence of the existing differences in the Mahratta Government having all the attention of its most powerful

Extract from the Secretary to Government's

Letter

It being now past 6 o'clock & I am wishing to catch the Hamburg Captain this night at Ahmedabad I have only time to make you acquainted with some heads of intelligence for his Lordship's information, which have been this moment brought in. The greatest confusion prevails at Surrapatnam, and the utmost despair is said on having news from the fort to the attack of Gurjam. It was said, that a body of troops under the command of Mr Brooks Adjutant and Lieut Ghosse, was ordered to be made for immediate service a Serjeants officer with fifteen Europeans, and a few



Coffrees had arrived from Mangalore
and the Sultan's standard was erected
on the North bank of the Canary

I have sent Hurkaras on purpose to bring the earliest information of any movement of the Sultan's troops and have the honor to be

Your most obedient humble servant
John Hollyman
Capt

Tangoody
12 Oct 1790
1790
4 o'clock

The Infantry are still on the Island with the Artillery

Paid

Rupees for Bengal, Bombay
Madras Calcutta Lima & Rupees

Chief Secretary's

To

Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

&c &c &c

The Harcarrah whom I have sent to Mangalore returned to day — The information as far as it extends & general circumstances may be relied upon. — He reports that he left Mangalore on the 29 of last Month. — and Seringapatam on the 14th Instant —

On the 24th of last month a sail was seen off Mangalore — and has continued cruising there the remaining five Days the Harcarrah was there, on account of the Wind —

The Ships were said to be English — and the Inhabitants of the Town were in great Apprehensions that Troops would be landed from the Fleet.

There were about 800 Horses at Mangalore which

which has been hamstrung there lately on several Bullocks from the Salem country — from whence the Dealers or proprietors accompanied their own Horses in consequence of being in arrears by Tippoo — whose agents at Bangalore had before the beg. of last month nearly purchased the whole of the Horses; — which the Sultaun has ordered to be beg to bring a pattern beg the Poys, one hour, in preference to that of Belladroy Droog — which although the nearest route to the Capital, was judged to be too rugged for Horse. —

It was said at Bangalore that some disputes had subsisted regarding Bandaries between Tippoo and the English Resident, and that the Chief of Deeul and others on the part of Tippoo — had appointed a place of meeting

[illegible] a more circuitous route — than that of Belladroy Droog.
by leaving [illegible] the Northern part of Bednore

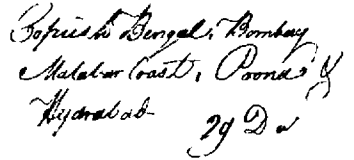
meeting to adjust the matter in one of the Districts in dispute with English Deputies from Calicut — The places in dispute were said to be Soonmungle — Tillicherry and Canuck-Poor.

Tippoo Sultaun has been a force of 3000 Regular Infantry and Peons about 50 miles South of Mangalore — and that the party was collected partly from Seringapatam and the posts below the Western Ghauts — for the defence of the Southern Frontier.

Since the arrival of the Mauritius party of Frenchmen, who afterwards marched to Seringapatam — no other Frenchmen have been landed at Mangalore. — There are two Frenchmen still at Mangalore from the description of their Dress can hardly be supposed to be Officers.

Two Frenchmen who had come from Tringapatam were said to have embarked

+ The Peruvian saw the followers at Buttwal.



whole or the greatest of them, are shortly to encamp on the North side of the River

It is believed at Jemmapaulum that a great proportion of the Army is to be put under the Command of Tamar-a-Lein and Hyder Sahib. Tippoo Sultaun is said to march towards Bangalore to watch the movements of the English army which they hear is assembling in the Carnatic. It is not said that the Sultaun designs to take the field himself but that he intends to remain at Seringapatam on account of the incomplete state of the Fortifications in such parts, as the old Walls were levelled, but not yet replaced by new Works.

The Sultaun's disappointment in not receiving the French aid so long expected, as positively spoken of:— And said to be increased in

Consequence

left in September — and starting with the expectation of meeting the Body of their countrymen, whose arrival has been so long looked for by the Natives.

The Fort of Chungalore is in a dismantled state. The Cannon which has belonged to it are scattered and dismounted, lying in different places along the road between Chungalore and Jumalgurrah. Mr Kercaman observes a small Creek close to the beach which has three small Guns in it, as if it was intended for saluting Vessels.

Offering from the Sillahdar &c. Horse are all assembled — on the North Side of the River — the Flags of their several Brigades — or Tatchees — are hoisted — and to appearance they seem prepared to march. —

The Regular Horse and the Infantry still continue on the Island — but it is said the whole

Chungalore Fort Bill Pattoorah 2½ and 40 Miles in land from Chungalore

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To
Josiah Wedgwood Esqr
Secretary to Government
Sir

I have the honor to transmit you a
paper of intelligence for his Lordships
information and have the honor to be
Your most obedient
& humble servant
John Hayman
Capt

Tongsomdy
25th December
1795

consequence of the English Government having
remanded their Convicts, the Frenchmen in this
Colony, to be surrendered; to which it is said
the Captain positively refused to consent.

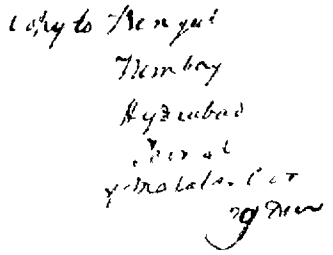
I have the honor to be

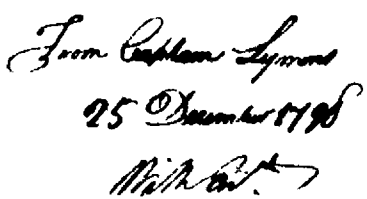
Sir

Your very obedient Servant

William Eustace

Salem
24th December 1790





Fort Dyaroorum

My Lord

Suba Rawa a Harcarrah, who returned from Seringapatam, reports he having left that place on the 15th Instant, that he has been there for eight Days, during which time he observed no particular Movement of Troops — He did not hear that a Detachment with a great proportion of Ordnance had marched or was on it's route towards the northern Frontier, which inclines me to suspect that report to have been misrepresented or to be entirely without foundation —

The Harcarrah reports that Tippoo Cummur Ul Deen and the Ladies were at Seringapatam when he left it and that the Sultaun had

returned

returned on the 13th. from a place near the Western Gauts, thirty miles from his Capital — where he had been for a few Days amusing himself on hunting

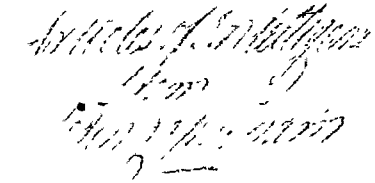
I have sent two parties of Marcarrahs to Gerrisoppa ~~Onigrandy~~ — By whose return next month I shall expect particular accounts of Tippoo's force in that quarter

The intercourse by Basket Boats on the Canoree between our Districts and Tippoos which his Subjects had five months ago prohibited is again established without restraint

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient and
faithful servant
William Stanley

Norwich
26th December 1795

The Right Honourable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c



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My Lord

[illegible] Chuttack Boy the Head Part of this place who was dispatched from Seringapatam for Intelligence returned last Evening having left that place on the 26th Instant after having been there eleven Days during which time no Detachment had been made — He understood that some Guns with Infantry and Cavalry had been sent to Goddy early in December — but that the Number of Cannon instead of being Thirty as had been before reported, was only Ten of which seven were Iron Guns — for the Garrison of Goddy

Tippoo — Cummur-ul-Deen and myself were at Seringapatam — There was no appearance of any further movement of troops from the Capital.

There was a report at the South

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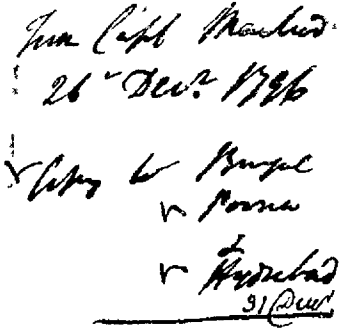

of Viana Fernandes - probably without foundation.

I have the honor to be
with much respect
Your Lordships
Very obedient faithful Servt
William Eden

Hamcal
5th January 1791

The Right Honble
Lord Hobart
&c &c

From Capt Marshall
6th January 1787

√ Lady Penrhyn
√ Mr Hyndman
√ Mr Poore
10 January

Head-Quarters.

My Lord

Lawyer a Marcowah returned today from Chingajation — which place he left on the 30th of last month —

He reports that on the 27th of December Faizl Ouma Cutcoon, had crossed the Cauvery from the Island — and encamped on its North bank — His Corps was said to be destined to reinforce Chyd Hyder's party near Goorty — The Cavalry of which it was reported have had a skirmish lately with that of the Cannoor Chiefs in which the latter prevailed

There was a report that Omar-ul-Deen would be sent to command the Detachment at Goorty — but there

Arcot

Vicar Express.

My Lord

Marquis Barbacena returned today from Petersburgh — which place he left on the 30th of last month

He reports that on the 27th of December Fazil Oglu's Cossacks had crossed the Caucasus from the South — and encamped on its North bank — His Corps was said to be destined to reinforce Gen. Jeffery's army near Gooty — The Cavalry of which it was reported have had a Skirmish lately with that of the Camool Chiefs in which the latter prevailed. —

There was a report that Cawn Ul-Deen would be sent to command the Detachment at Gooty — but there

are

Lieut Colonel Englefield

My Lord

Venkit Row a Mercarah returned yesterday in nine Days from Seringapatam by the Caveripauram Pass. He reports that Sadasheo Cushoba, which had crossed from the Island to the North side of the River on the 25th of December, marched on the 27th to the Northward. It was said to reinforce Cossid Pant at Goorty - where Detachments of both Armies suffered some check in a skirmish with a party belonging to the Cummul Chabri. It was reported that Gunnoo Pundit Deen was to be appointed to command the Troops near Goorty - and that the Corps called Tadjy Sultany was accompany him thither.

The Mercarah repeats a former report of the Mysore Cavalry being in two Divisions of 5 thousand one at Gunnapoor about 2000

and,

was an apparent preparation for his
departure. —

The Cavalry continue at the foregoing
Stations — The Regulars are chiefly at
Cumana and Maracaibo, near Orinoque
the Barcelona and those at the last
mentioned place — and reckons their
number to be about 1,500. —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient faithful servt
William Hardy

p. Tom. 2nd
9th January 1799

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c

the Father at Woodcarry Man Rangery of
3000 – He apers having seen the Letter party with
mute in Seringapatam – and that it has three
Guns along with it – which appears reasonable
there being no Infantry in – Perhaps the
alterations which have been begun in the
Fortifications of Nundidrak may have operated
a Reason Expo – He has lately directed the Roads
between Seringapatam and Bangalore by
Carnatam, to be repaired and clear –
I have the Honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships most obed
humble Servant
William Medows

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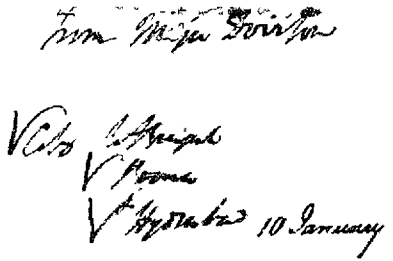
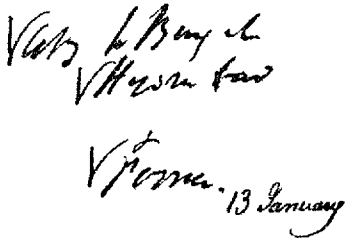
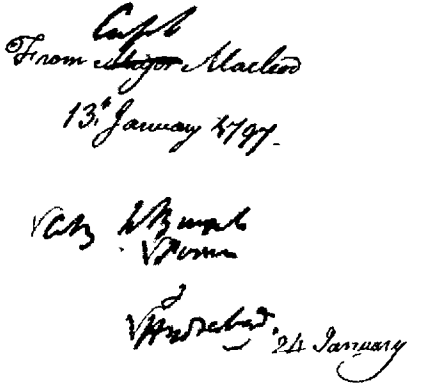
13th January 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c



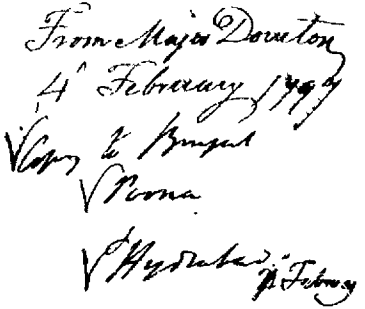




Intelligence from Major
Cowden
15 Jan 1797

From Major Darlton
24 Jany 1777

Recd 28 Augs
from Penna
&
Maryland 31st January



Secret Department

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c

My Lord

I was much disappointed on one of the parties of Marauders, which has been dispached to Coorg, returning last month without having gone beyond Bongatore. But now I have the honor to forward to your Lordship the accompanying report on the truth of which, in general I have considerable confidence.

I have

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
very obedient and
faithful Servant
William Macleod

Edinburgh
4th February 1797

Report of Viraboona and Rengah Harcarrahs who were sent to Goothy to get Intelligence of the designs of the Detachment under Jyp. Gopar, whose Camp they left on the 19th of January after being three Days on it.

Jyp Gopars Detachment consists of about 3000 Horse, between four and five thousand Infantry and twelve Guns. It is encamped about three coss from Goothy on the Canoail road - with an advanced party of six or eight hundred Horse included in the above number four miles Northward of the main body at Papsinby - which is close on the Bounds

Secret Department

Copy to Bengal
" Hyderabad
" Poona

are without foundation —

On their return they saw a party of about 2000 Horse at Siamcoondel (near Cunagul and Shevagungah) which is moving about for the convenience of forage — and it was said would march from thence to Seeva Ballajoon or to Mundy — Droog —

On the 28th of last month at Noon they came Rockettiers and Horsemen, which belonged to a party of Cavalry that arrived two days before at Denkinicottah — The same party, which in a former report was mentioned to be at Chinnoor many from Dumgoory — and to consist of near 2000 Horse — It has been at three 30 or 40 Miles S.W. from Baracottah

Jun.

Rumbs of Cannon

To judge of the reports in the Camp it would appear that the current was which existed at the formation of the Establishment of an Act of Cannon being designed, as now relinquished. The apprehensions seem to be entertained by Cap Jofars Camp, that the Chinese and Chakrattas have hostile intentions against Poolty — But as many of Cap Jofars men daily obtain leave of absence to go to Teringapatam, it is to be supposed they cannot expect their services to be soon required in action —

The former reports from Teringapatam of a Skirmish having taken place between Tippoo's troops and those of

Cannon

[illegible] and an encamping detachment for the purpose of getting forage. From Dondiconda, it is said it will march to Bajdoor.+

+about 12 Miles N.E. from Goa.

The Detachment which was in the Anegundy country under Buddersaun, and consisting of 2000 Infantry with ten Guns, has returned to Seringapatam.

Tippo has lately ordered a great number of Candachar Peons (Irregular Infantry) to be entertained in different parts of his Country.

The inhabitants of the Mysore Country are alarmed on account of reports among them, that the English are preparing to invade it.

William Macleod

Arnee
4th February 1787

You with an Army marching about for the purpose of getting forage - from Dunkinnerdack, I was told it was with design to Bagloor -+

+ about 10 Miles NE from Bgaloor.

The Detachment which was in the Amgaroody country under Baddoo Jaun, and consisting of 3000 Infantry with ten Guns, has returned to Seringapatam.

Tippoo has lately ordered a great number of Candachar Peons (Irregulars, Infantry) to be entertained in different parts of his Country -

The Inhabitants of the Mysore country are alarmed on account of reports among them, that the English are preparing to invade it.

William Medows

Camp
4th February 1792

Quart. Department

Report of Abdul Rahim who is supposed to have left Seringapatam on the 12th February 1791 after having been there about sixteen days. —

That the Cavalry has lately been called in from the foraging stations to be mustered and paid at Seringapatam — but returned immediately to their former positions with the exception of about 2000 which are on the bank of the River near the Carreghut Hill — The detention of this Body is supposed by report to be in consequence of Tippoo intending to detach his son Hyder Saheb with it to take the command of the Troops in the field near Goorry —

Respecting

From Major G. O. Lovelon
16th February 1797

completed.

The Cushon which was sent to settle the Ouzanara District continues still at Mubwaggle.

William Chambers

Namuel
20th February 1897.

N.B. The Harcarrah who brings the foregoing has brought me ten documents which appear to be strong proofs of his being just returned from Senga operations

William Chambers

Regarding the object of the coming of Gn. Kl.
there are two conjectures — one is, that
Tippo is apprehensive of the Chiefs having hostile designs against him — the
other is — that he intends to compel
the Nabob of Cannanore to pay him
balances of Peishcush. —

The Regular Infantry at Seringapatam
amounts to 10 — or 12.000 — besides Irregulars or Cundachar, which are supposed
to be from six to eight Thousand

The North Face of Seringapatam is
still open in several parts of it — although
a multitude of workmen are employed
in finishing it — It is thought many
years will elapse before it can be
completed

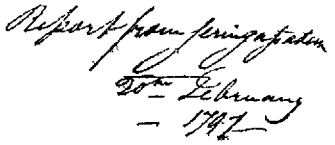
Secret Department
23/6

My Lord

I had the honor to receive from the Secretary, by your Lordships desire a copy of a Letter from Major Macleod dated 9th Instant Commanding at Jenna coudah – that the subject might be compared with such Intelligence as I may receive from Goa by &c.

The two Cashoons which Major Macleod observes has returned from Goa by to Jerungapatam were a Detachment which was detached from whence it returned about three months ago by the route of Goa by &c.

The Detachment of Cavalry mentioned by the Harcarrahs to be at Rajcherro is supposed attached to the Camp at Goa by which is commanded by Syd Yasar – as



Loot which is not one Third of Tippoo's Army.—

The accompanying report was made by a Sircarrah who returned last night from Seringapatam

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
& most faithful Servant
William Maclay

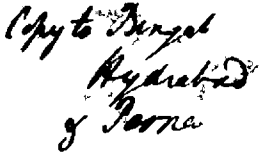
Namcul
February 1797

To
The Right Honorable
Lord Robert
Governor &c &c

Ye Tobin Red Fiver — with the Turks
& Tartars — a determined Effort was
made on a Division under Gen. Ewin
the Genl at Pophilly & Pophilly has
been always there & not to be an
invasion North of Pruth only one
Regt of Cossacks —

The Cossacks who returned here
on the 14th of this month from Crimea
Report that ten Cases by Persons
and as they say they are so Scarce in
their Country Occasion the Report
to obtain Salts &c. a Cargo being
of that Place is without Quarantine

Inclosed the Returns of the Fleet
in the Pruth in the neighbourhood
of Galatz to the 28th Ult. Red
Sea



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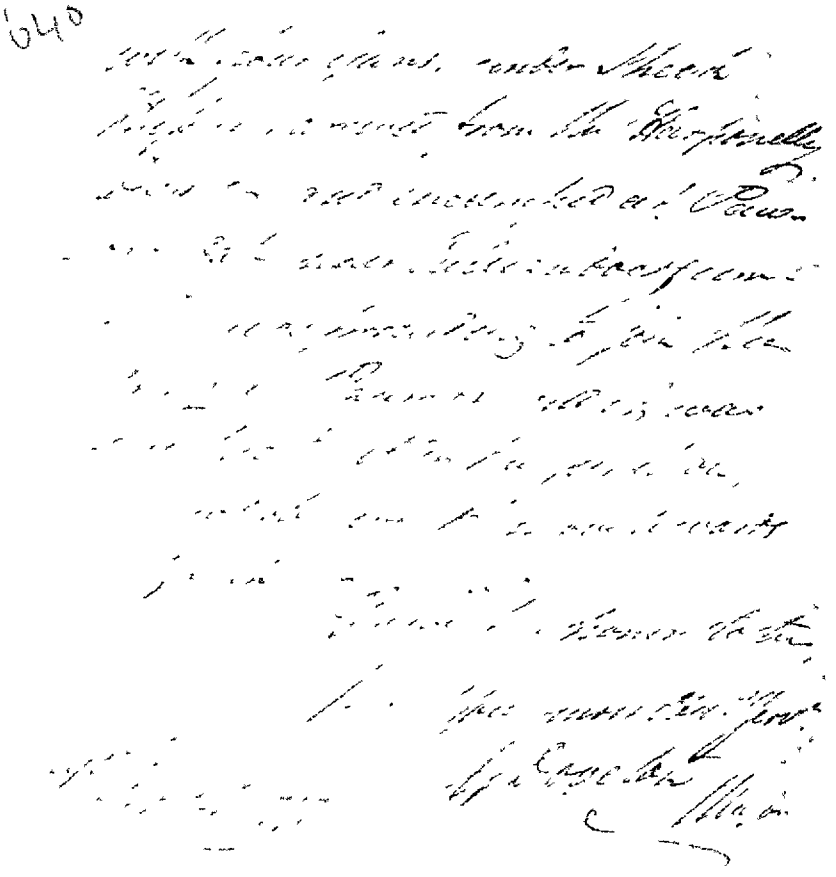

From Major Dorton

23 February 1797

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Head Quarters

My Lord

Tinker Row a Harcarrah who returned today in Thirteen Days from Seringapatam – reports that on the 13th of this month the Sultaun with his Camp Equipage moved out from the Fort to the Palace and Garden, called Lal Baugh – Daulut Baugh – His Guard had brought 11 pieces of Field Pieces which were arranged near the Palace – in which he himself resided – his Tents not being pitched – On the same Day he gave orders to the Infantry with their Light Guns – and Bazar to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice – The Cavalry which had been

Lately

Fort St. George

My Lord

I sent Row a Harcarrah who returns today in Thirteen Days from Seringapatam — reports that on the 13th of this month the Sultaun with his Camp Equipage moved out from the Fort to the Palace and Garden, called Dereea Dowlut Bangh — His Guard had brought from the Fort Eight small Field Pieces which were arranged near the Palace — in which he himself resided — his Tents not being pitched — On the same Day he gave orders to the Infantry with their light Guns — and Bazar to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice — The Cavalry which had not

Lately

At Barramahl — the last mentioning report may have arisen from the join- ing of a party of Horse in the Neighbourhood of Paiacotta at Dendigul — And the suspicions relative to the Malabar Coast may have originated from the movements of the Bombay Troops for suppressing the late insurrections of the Polygars —

At Arcanum Straits.

Strength of Regular Infantry now at Seringapatam to be only about Fourteen Cushoons — which are 11,000

I have the honor to be
My Lord —
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships most obedient
faithful Servant
William Medows

Camp
26th February
1792

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart &c &c

(20) ides, after inspecting a platoon to be mustered were Troops to their respective Bragging Stations — but all the Cavalry have received orders to recall all men who may have been absent on leave and to be ready to march whenever he might send them orders —

Colonel Campbell has effected preparation for marching as imputed to a report of the Enemy being upon their Troops on the Malabar Coast — and that Tippo intends to effect them on their quitting their attacking him in that quarter — another report which seems from its great improbability scarcely worth notice — and only current here Peasants of the adjacent country is that Tippo designs to march into

Camp Dharwar

My Lord—

Imam Beg, a native of Cashgar returned today from Seringapatam — which place, he says he left on the 25th of last month — He reports that Tippoo with an Escort of 4 Cushoons — 8 Guns and about 1500 Horse marched from Seringapatam on the 20th of February to Colyssore where he halted on the 21st; on the 22d he marched to Chunjeecode — halted there on the 23 and marched on the 24th to Goondelpet, which is a village said to be near the entrance of a thick forest; and is leading through the Western Ghauts — and about 12 Coss distant from Chunjeecode — About two days ago — some of the Cheltauns Troops were employed in cutting roads in the vicinity of

Goondelpet —

From Captain Wm Mackay
26 Febry 1797

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Good effect, on which occasion they had several skirmishes with Chiefs reported to have been from the Carnack Country.

Tippoo's present motive of an expedition to that place, is supposed to be marriage ceremony of one of his natural daughters having taken place on the 24th of last month, and that his Astrologers had recommended to him not to be present on that occasion.

The remaining part of the Infantry have continued in their Barracks on the Island of which have been a mistake that the whole of the Infantry were preparing to march, as appeared by my last report.

The person who brings this intelligence has a son in Tippoo's Cavalry, and with the intention of seeing him went to Hyreal, on

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Poona

the banks of the Tungabadra – where the Chief Division of the irregular Horse about 3000 are stationed under Yasee Cawn &c – From thence he returned to Gooty – where he found his son attached to the Horse which lately came there and he computes to be about 2000 strong –

He heard there was a detachment of Horse and Foot at Gooty – but understood it was solely for the protection of that country –

A Cushoon still continues at Bellary with a few Hundred Horse attached to it for the purpose of scouring the Country. Effo has received several Ships to the South at Mangalore –

J Shaw

Secret Department

My Lord

Ramapah a Harcurrah returned today in fourteen Days from Goothy by the route of Pengaonda, Colar &c. —

He reports that the Pyndarry detachment consisting of about 5000 Infantry — 12 Guns — and from 2000 to 3000 Horse still remains on its former position within two Miles of Goothy — Of this force about 1000 Infantry and two Guns had been sent thence in the month of January from Chrungapatam — and one Gun was left there by a detachment which returning from Chegaondy to Chrungapatam by the route of Goothy. — It design for which it was thought. Effects had formed the

Detachment

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
your Lordship's very obedient
faithful servants
— William Aberdeen

Edmonton
7th March 1797

To the Right Honorable
Lord Hobart

Postage 4d

Rt. Hon. Lord Hobart
Private
Mansfield St
Portman Sq.

Two Hundred Horse ready at Embarcadère
for the purpose of seizing the Pallium
of Pungamon.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
& humble Servant
William Claiborne

Jamestown
13th. of March 1627

The Right Honorable
Lord Baltimore
Governor
&c

Detachment— the taking Command— &c.
& he entirely given up— if such an enterprise
has ever been suggested— for an
uninterrupted intercourse seems at present
to subsist between the subjects of the
Vizier and those of Tippo Sultaun in that
quarter— and Gopee has erected temporary
Cantonments— and collected forage for his
detachments which indicates in a great degree
his expectation of shortly being immediately
employed in any offensive operations.

I have great confidence in the correctness
of the foregoing intelligence respecting the
Views of Gooty—

The Baramahal in his return to
Coïar, leaves Hurkara Cushoon of Infantry
and

Secret Department

To Josiah Nicolls Esqr
Secretary to the Government
Fiji

Since the dawn to-day many
fine Vilei-tau of many people came in
greater numbers from various parts
of Viti-levu & Vanua-levu, and
Ellis Seetham was in camp near
Cmdr Goodenough — and it was said he
had entered to re-enter the Fort for
some weeks. — That is, during the ce-
lebration of his daughter's nuptials. —
His astrologers having pronounced
it unlucky that he should return
to the place of his nativity during
that ceremony. —

Also of many people who
arrived this morning from the Mbau
near Bau — which place is on
the S.W. Pt. — Of that tribe the

Cmdr

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Hyderabad &c
Poonah 7 March

whole of the detached parties had re-assembled at the Head Quarters at Caumary:- respecting their future motions orders from Serinja-patam were daily expected.—

—The Detachment of 1500 Sepoys, under Sheik Hyder, of whose arrival at Pancondah I gave intimation in my Letter of the 23d Ult., did not join the Army near Ghooty.—

—That detachment marched from Pancondah about the end of last month, taking the route towards Tarracakery, Nagimungle &c.—

The Horse now at Jonga in the neighbourhood of Madhoor, Marty &c are to move shortly, it is said, to Bangul.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

G. Dallas

Major

Seringa-patam

17th March 1792

Secret Department

My Lord

Venkit Ram a Harcarrah, returned from the Mysore Country by the Coorg Pass. He reports having left Tippoo encamped at Chunjencode (25 Miles South from Seringapatam) on the 13th of this month. The Sultaun is escorted by 5000 Infantry 12 Light Guns and about 2000 Horse The Horse were drawn in from the foraging Stations to accompany the Sultaun on his excursion - which is said to be occasioned by his not wishing to be present at Seringapatam during the

Barrier

Intelligence from Major Bonta
17 March 1847

Vera Cruz

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c

marriage ceremony of his daughter which
commenced soon after his leaving Seringapatam.
Another Harcarrah who left
Seringapatam about the beginning of
this month, and came by Ogle,
mentions that the Horse which were
there moved to Bagloor. He hears
that the Poligar of Punganoor was
re-instated to his Poligarm.

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
faithful Servant
William Medows

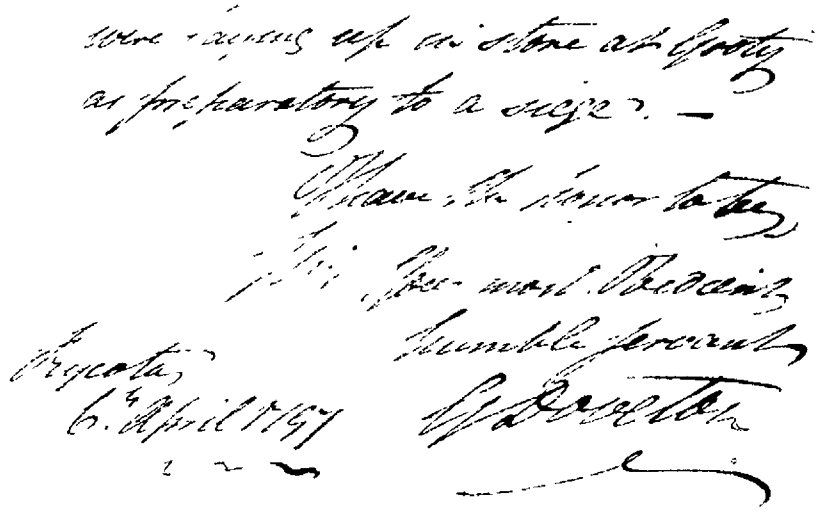
Parmus Hy
21st March 1792.

Inclosure

From Captain Williams

Macleod—

20th March 1797



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Dresden
6 April 1797

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To
Henry Nelson Esqr
Secretary to the Government
&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of Captain Hall, that Captain Wilkinson will sail from this Port, on the 20th Inst. — He has lately spoke with the Mercantile Fleet, with Convoy and are all

Well. Please Sir, note this down for your Book at the Cape, & forward it to the Port Office at Home, addressed to Commissioner Inglis R.N. &c &c &c. I shall give the necessary Instructions myself to the Captain. — I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most Obed. Servt
J. Abercrombie

Rio de Janeiro
12th April 1797

Coll. at Tour is building chiefly consisting of the late Inhabitants of Bangalore which is now in a great measure deserted an account of its fortifications being demolished.

The Camp at Gooty is still said to be in same position as before.

Cundachar or Irregular Peons, who had before been discharged are now ordered to be entertained in different parts of the Country.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
faithful Servant
William Medows

Bangalore
6th April 1792.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c

Secret Department

To Robert Hobbs, Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my people who left Senegambia on the 14th Inst. report to me, that they were prevented in their departure a detachment consisting of 1000 horse from Bhyno had arrived at and were encamped near Kaiaotar. —

The detachment to Woorjan on its march, after they left the Ferlo were join'd by

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obed. Servt.
Thos. Hobbs

Bathurst
3 April 1796

Intelligence from Captain
Macleod
9th April 1797

Copy to Lord
by desire
of Board 16th Apr

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Secret Despatch

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to the Government
Jaffn.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that by my express from Serrangepatam, I sent Paul the Frenchman, whom I received the enclosed letter as having come at Serrangepatam from Trincomalee, back the same from the Pettah on the 11th or 12th Inst. The Pettah presented him with a horse, and it is reported that he has obtained the object of his mission, viz. to excite Tippoo to make an incursion on the Mysore. — Mons. Chevalier accompanied him back to Manjalore with an escort of cavalry. —

I have

Hon. Mann Butler

16 June 1797

Copy to Hugh Rankin
Roanoke

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Secret Department

To Lieut. Nicholas Cruger
Secretary to the Government

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that my people from Fort Augusta, arrived safe at this City on the 17th Inst. I refer to our last the Army in Canada generally in the Spring Season as Commodore Barry from Burmuda could not find the Army at Oswego, but was encamped at a place called Rudberrumbalt about three or four miles from Burmuda.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obedt
humble Servt
Jno Christler

Boyd's
Apr. 30. 1797

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From Major Davis

23 April 1797

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& Poonah

Secret Department

My Lord

A Native of Parnea, who was sent for Intelligence to Combatoor, returned in four Days from that place, where he left Colonel Lawrie with his Detachment of 900 Infantry – 300 Horse and near 1000 Peons – It was said the party had received orders to proceed to Seringapatam in consequence of the capture of Tamba Jaur having been accomplished about the end of last month – but it is now confirmed beyond doubt that that Marauder and his Brother have been

Secret Department

My Lord

The report which I had the honor to write your Lordship on the 26th of last month appears to be in a great measure confirmed by the arrival of another Harcarrah from Seringapatam, which by his account he left on the 17th of February — In addition to the foregoing report he mentions that the Infantry which has been encamped near Char-Gunjam, mutinied out with Tents & Bat. which were Botting close to the Cutcherry Guarden at Periah-Poulet-Bungh — From the arrangement of the Infantry — which on Tippoo's march to Tingumbad the marching Flank, the Harcarrah imagines that the Head of his line was about two [illegible]

been executed at Seringapatam - a circumstance which affords great tranquillity to the inhabitants of the Carnatick Districts

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient
faithful servant

William Kirkpatrick

Fermoy
30th April 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c

Post – Neither the Sultanas Flag nor Tents have been pitching – The cause of the preparation was ascribed to an English Army being formed on the Barbadoes coast.

The Party of Cavalry which were at Dukenicos Hatch has marched from thence to Epsom – They Kings Guards set off last night towards Guildford – as if they were apprehensive of being attacked –

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
humble servant
William Hardy

Portsmouth
1st March 1797.

Secret Department

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My Lord

Subah Rao - a Harcarrah returned today from Seringapatam by the route of Mulwaddy and Palcode - He says he left Seringapatam on the 27th of last month and reports that about the middle of April two Frenchmen disguised, like Officers had arrived there from Mangalore - who had a conference with the Sultaun in the Private Dowlat Garden - That one of them has returned towards Mangalore and the other remained at Seringapatam in the entertainment of the Corps called Tally's

If

The Right Honourable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

It was believed at Seringapatam that those Frenchmen had made offers to Tippoo of a body of Troops—

The Marcarrah reports having been the person who remained at Seringapatam—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
very obedient faithful Servant
William Chalmers

Parmuttys
3rd day 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c

Nota. The Intelligence Mislaid
only received on the Office
first Day of May Sunday 1797

Intelligence from

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Henry Hsm

From Major Denton
6 May 1797

Secret Department
Oct 7 --

My Lord.

Two Harcarrahs who had been sent to Goothy for Intelligence have returned today from that place which they report having left on the 30th of April

Syd Yosfir Sticks continues in command of the Detachment at Goothy which consists of about 3000 Horse & 900 Infantry and 12 Guns -- He is cantoned about three miles from the Fort -- he has received orders to be in readiness to march to Chrongapatam his final marching order was soon expected.

It was reported at Goothy that

some

Intelligence
From Major Bourdon
16 May 1778

him — They parted with him at Hindoo Goor where the road from Goorty to Seringapatam separates from that to Bangalore — He was a Gentleman — and had a Palankeen, two Camels and ten or twelve Attendants.

A Harcarrah who returned on the 5th Instant from Seringapatam confirmed the arrival of Frenchmen there — and that their object was declared to be such as is above stated —

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
Most obedient faithful Servant
William Medows

Camp Guttoor
16th May 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart &c &c

and French Gentlemen who were at Seringapatam from Changalore who had made Proposals to the Sultaun of their furnishing a Body of European Troops, on condition of his acting with them against the English. It was also said that Tippoo assured them that he had no Confidence in the Alliance of the European Powers against one another, as they would soon be reconciled.

A Vakeel from the Shahnadar on his way to Tippoo was lately detained at Goa by and after three weeks Confinement he was permitted to proceed to Seringapatam. He left Goa by the same Day with the Marcanas, who for the last two Marches travelled along with him

Copy to Bengal
Hyderabad
& Poona

Jealousy which the Sultan shews
towards the Bassa & his fleet
& the Governor of Alexandria
would it is feared cause that agree-
ment not to be punctually observed
between the Sultan
Porte and the other powers on their
part of the Treaty. –

– My people were employed
some days in bringing stones
& rubbish, which formed their
defences, which I ordered them
to carry to the
Alexandria canal. I am sure
the town will be
[illegible]

I am Sir Your most
Obt. & most humble
Servant
Wm. Augustus Miles

Aleppo
May 20th 1797

It was reported a ...
time my people left Semiganta...
that other Band depot had arrived
at Wanjore. -

- Sir Hamilton Ogilvy
had marched to Sebastico-pur. - The
two Regiments of Foot, with 500 Ran
were ready order to march for ...
to the northern Frontier. -

- The Govr or Head Quarters
of Coimbetore were lately created to
great dissatisfaction in that quarter
has been found to stock of Semiganta
Ram by order of the Sultaun

Please the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt
humble Servant
C. Doveton
Major

Bngalore
3d June 1791.

Intelligence
From Major G. Davies
3d June 1797

Copy to Rajah.
Hyderabad
& Poonah

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Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick
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The Right Hon.ble Henry Dundas
Secretary to the Government &c.
&c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that, by my accounts from Seringapatam, Tippoo Saib on the 4.th Inst.t a party of about 2000 Horse arrived there from the Northward, — and marched after the Shereens Office & Household Equipage —

I have the honor &c.

Jas. Kirkpatrick
Lieut. Colonel

Madras
10.th June 1797.

From Major Doveton
Dated 5th June 1791

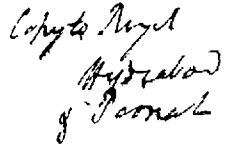
(Right Royal
Hybrid
Bond

East Department

My Lord

Mercarrah Ramah who has been sent to Poony for Intelligence, returned yesterday by the route of Goorydroog & Sunda and Colar. He reports that Mr Yoshas Detachment continues in Cantonments near Poony — that its strength is about 3000 Horse 5000 Infantry and 12 Guns. And that he left it on the 14th of last month, when it was expected the whole would soon be ordered to Seringapatam. — He met with no troops on his way to or return from Poony.

I take this opportunity of forwarding to Your Lordship the report of a man from Tippoo's Country who arrived here two Days ago — and



I have the honor to be &c &c
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
Very obedient and
faithful Servant
William Hull

Norwich
9th June 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c &c

appears to me to be in general well informed of occurrences at Seringapatam — and so far as I can judge of him, is not disposed to conceal or exaggerate —

As no project is too absurd for French intrigue to attempt, there appears scarcely a doubt but one of their agents has been tampering with Tippoo, who though not judicious is restless and longing after revenge — I shall employ more Harcarrahs than usual, to endeavour to discover what may be going forward at Seringapatam — and I shall also send some to Changama to ascertain if any body of men have or should hereafter pass that way —

Harroon Caun's account of himself
and his reports from Seringapatam

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"Harroon Caun is a native of Seringapatam — He
Commanded the troops, which defended Ashtoor, when it
was taken by Colonel Wood in 1759 — He was some
years afterwards appointed a Manager of the Calicut
Province — and is a Brother to Sardar Caun, who was
killed at the head of the Army, which was defeated by
Major Abington of the Bombay Establishment —
Shortly after the fate of his Brother — he was
imprisoned by Tippo — and deprived of all his own
and Brothers property to a great amount — After
being eight years in irons, he was released in 1791 —
Having despaired of getting any appointment
from the Sultaun, he left his Dominions secretly and

carried

Copy to Hyderabad with Enclosure
Poona —
& Bengal

He asserts that Cumar-ul-Deen told him that the Sultaun expected 2500 French to land immediately at Mangalore and that further reinforcements were to arrive from Europe — Also that Cumar ul-Deen assured him that he and Purneah remonstrated with the Sultaun against his entering into such a measure, observing, there was a probability of it involving him in a war with the English, who would naturally demand an explanation of his receiving a body of their Enemies into his Country — In reply to which, Tippoo said that his Father and he had Lally's Corps of Frenchmen for thirty years, and that he would make use of that argument in support of his right to entertain as many Europeans, as he thought proper. It is credited at

Seringapatam

carries along with him his nephew, the son of Surdar Caun a youth of thirteen years of age

He says he left Seringapatam about the 28th Sept. 1784 — that a few Days before his departure, accounts had been received there, of the arrival of some French Ships at Mangalore — in consequence of which, a Frenchman who had come from the Malabar coast, and was for some time at Seringapatam, went away to Mangalore. That at the same time Tippo sent a man named Bakeer Beg with four Lacks of Bahaderie Pagodas, or sixteen Lacks of Rupees to Mangalore, for the distribution of which sum among the French it was believed about the Durbar Bakeer Beg had received particular instructions.

The

the labor of many years yet to be completed
The fortifications are in many parts unfinished
upon — and in other parts in various stages
of completion — The other Forts, to which
his attention to improvements is chiefly directed,
are Swandraag and Wandydraag —

Meer Emeek Effendi Prime Minister, was
about six weeks ago confined to the Cotcherce, but
allowed to transact business as usual, although
not permitted to go to his home — He is a
character extremely corrupt — but his ascendancy
over his Master — and Effendi's attachment to him,
have been such — that except a Rebellion, scarcely
any person ever escaped death, who presumed
to give the Sultaun any information against
him

exemplification that the Republican agent has
made over the credulity of Tippoo so far as to lead
him to expect that large armaments of French and
Dutch shall in a short time be opposed to the
English in India — In such an event it can
scarcely be questioned what line of conduct Tippoo
would follow —

Purneah Pundit affirms that the Cochin Rajah on account
of his being jealous of the Travancore Rajah
is dissatisfied, and corresponds with Tippoo — as
also the Rajah of Cottote, who is at present
in rebellion against the Bombay Government

A great number of people are employed in
fortifying Seringapatam — which will still require

William Maclay

Received
6th June 1797

My Lord

Marcarah who says he left Seringapatam on the 9th Instant reports that it is generally believed at that place that Tippoo has entered into engagements with a Frenchman (who had come to Seringapatam by Cheriapatore) to receive and support a large body of French troops with the view of actively acting as auxiliaries with him against the English

The Regular Horse have been ordered on from the several foraging stations. The different divisions of them arrived on the Island between the 27th of May, and the

Jan —

In consequence of the discovery of forged Letters written in the names of Cheer Sudeck the Minister, and Purnea the Treasurer, to Hyder Nisam and the Mahrattas, encouraging them to engage in the conquest of Tippoo's possessions, they had been both, for a few Days, put under restraint, but on an inquiry being made, it was made to appear, that Jeewan Rowe a Shistee of Sudeck, had executed the forgery — for which crime he was hanged about the middle of last month. — Many are persuaded suffered innocently — and that the forgery was committed by other Sudeck

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1st of June— They are stationed close to
Cape Gingara— This having ordered them
there is imputed to be not judging it
advisable to allow them to be separated
from him during the months the Cowry
may be fish— They must unavoidably
suffer an inconvenience from being
cruising on the Island— on account of
the difficulty of procuring forage!—

The Silladar and Paid Irregular Horse
still continue at the foraging stations
within 60 or 80 miles of Seringapatam
in a Northerly and Westerly direction

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A Statement of the strength &c of Lefroy's army — which he states he procured from a relation who is an Accountant in one of the Military Offices — The truth of this authority may be called in question — although there does not seem to be much exaggeration in the number when it is considered that many non effectives are kept up on the Returns.

The former arrangement of Companies of 4 Catoheries and 24 Cashoos — has been changed into 3 Catoheries and 29 Cashoos — The firms new Cashoos by Draft from

as well as that the false Evidence to convict
Jawan Paw were procured by him, with
the view of getting him removed from
Tippoo's confidence which he had
acquired and occasioned the jealousy
of Meer Saadick — who is notorious for
practising with success plots of a similar
nature against the lives of such as
he may have supposed were not devoted
to his own designs — & might independ
of him have acquired the estimation of
his Master —

The Harcarrah who is a Native of
Seringapatam, has given the following

Abstract.

In the field at Gooby under
Sydi Yosfan —
5 Cushoons of Infantry including
Paul Faun's Cushoon ——— 5700
Cavalry, Irregulars - - - - 3287
Horse and Foot —— 8.987

In the Field in the Province
of Angasanby under Beenbong Caun
3 Cushoons of Infantry —— 3287
Irregular Horse - the Pyzalla
of Mustafa Bey - - —— 358
Horse and Foot 3645

Marked & different Garrisons and on small
Detachments 9 Cushoons computed
at 5000 Men, besides Irregulars Beans
or Cundachar, which he had once
discharg.

from the old Corps or reduces them by
drafting the Officers and men into other
wording as he may judge it expedient to
give new Corps to promising Officers or
reduce other Corps, that did not meet his approbation

The Organization in June 1797
contained in Table of the Establishment

	Infantry	Regular Horse
1st Battalions	7000	
2nd do	6000	
3rd do	6833	
	+ 19599	
The 5 Battalions of Regular Horse		5300
Irregular Horse at foraging places within 20 Miles of Springfield		5000

+ Including the two Battalions which had been on the Western Frontier, Genl Wayne's and Gen Hamtramck's and exclusive of Calvary Corps - which is only about 2000 Men